Scheme which was in operation since 1971 was discontinued w. e. f. 30-9-88. As development of infrastructure in the backward areas is considered to be a better alternative than a one-time subsidy, Government is operating a growth Centre Scheme under which it is proposed to develop 70 growth centres throughout the country during the VIII Five Year Plan period. The selected centres would be provided with all basic infrastructural facilities

Cycle Corporation of India

4291. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been urged to prevent closure of the Cycle Corporation of India and to allow it to function with proper support of Government for some time;

(b) whether Government attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated the 9th August, 1993 under the caption "Cycle Corporation employees face a catch 22 situation";

(c) whether Government would adopt some concrete measures to help the revival; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a), (c) and (d) Cycle Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) is one of the PSUs which have been referred to BIFR under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 as amended in 1991. While some of the employees' Unions of CCIL have been requesting the Govt. for revival of the Company, the BIFR in its last hearing held on 23-7-93 have formed a prima facie opinion that the Company was not viable on long-term basis and have accordingly issued a show-cause notice for winding it up. The notice is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Foreign Visit by a BHEL General Manager

4292. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the then General Manager (Incharge) of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Bhopal had visited one or more foreign countries alongwith his wife during the month of September, 1991; and

(b) if so, how much expenses were incurred on the foreign visit of his wife?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BHEL did not incur any expenditure on the foreign visit of the wife of the General Manager.

Allotment of Shares of Companies

4293. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected information with regard to the allotment of shares of varios companies out of the promoters quota to the officers in the Ministries of Industry, Commerce, Finance and Law (Company Affairs) and their family members during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the officers concerned had informed their respective departments in terms of the conduct rules and instructions issued by Government from time to time in this regard; and

(d) whether any violation of the rules have come to Government notice, if so, the action taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) As per Rule 16 (2) of Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, "no Government Servant shall make, or permit any member of his family or any person acting on his behalf to make any investment which is likely to embarrass or influence him in the discharge of his official duties". As far as the Department of Company Affairs is concerned as per available information, wife of one of the officers of Central Company Law Service has acquired shares of Fair Growth Financial Services Limited worth Rs. 5,000/-. The concerned officer has

since been transferred to another Region. The information in respect of officers of Ministries of Industry, Commerce and Finance is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

DA to PSU Employees

4294. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether D. A. Committee appointed by Government to revive the formula for payment of Dearness Allowances to the employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings have since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay in submitting the report by the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Salient features of the Report are enhancement of IDA rate from Rs. 1.65 to Rs. 2.00 per point, mode of payment of arrears, etc. Govt. have accepted the recommendations made by the Committee.

BHEL Bagging Contract in Malaysia

4295. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has submitted bids for the 500 MW Kapar Power Project in Malaysia and if so, what are the possibilities of BHEL bagging the contract;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a consortium of bidders from Japan has engineered rumours denigrating the technical capabilities of BHEL and also accusing BHEL of paying kickbacks to bag the contract, and if so;

(c) what steps Government propose to counter this disinformation campaign by vested Japanese interests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Since the price bid has not been opened as yet, the possibilities of bagging the contract cannot be assessed at this stage.

(b) BHEL is not aware of this.

(c) Does not arise.

Booking of Maruti Cars

4296. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of booking orders for Maruti-Zen registered so far;

(b) the amount of deposit money collected in the course of booking;

(c) what is the initial cost of production of the car and what is the likely issue price including taxes per vehicle and the foreign exchange content thereof; and

(d) by when the delivery of the vehicle will commence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) 73,749 bookings were registered by Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) for Maruti-Zen between 1-6-1993 and 30-6-1993 when the bookings were held.

(b) The total advance money received by MUL against these bookings is Rs. 184 crores.

(c) It is not in the commercial interest of the Company to disclose the cost of production of Maruti-Zen. The ex-factory price of Zen is Rs. 2.81 lakhs of which excise duty is about Rs. 80,000/- and customs duty in the first year will be about Rs. 74,000/- per car.

(d) Commercial sale of the Zen will commence from October, 1993.

Involvement of Companies in KVIC

4297. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi and